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Application No. 09/001,643 Amendment dated March 17, 2005 Reply to Office Action of December 17, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. Hence, claims 1-12 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,710,900 to Anand et al. ("Anand") in view of US Patent No. 6,058,170 to Jagadish et al. ("Jagadish").

Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand in view of Jagadish and further in view of US Patent No. 5,930,764 to Melchione et al. ("Melchione").

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more particularly recite the Applicants' claimed invention. Support for the amendments may be found at, for example, pg. 3, ll. 15-17, among other places. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Applicant's respectfully traverse the rejection of all claims, as amended, since the prior art does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Specifically, claim 1 includes the limitation, "a data manager arranged to relate data maintained independently from the host site on a user computer terminal with the user's billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report, wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site is displayed as part of the requested report." which is not taught or suggested by the cited references. The office action correctly states that Anand does not teach the independently-maintained data. Further, Jagadish does not teach that the independentlymaintained data is on the user's computer terminal. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claim 8 includes a similar limitation and is believed to be allowable, at least for the same reason. The remaining claims depend from either of claim 1 and claim 8 and are believed to be allowable, at least for the same reasons.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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